

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Providing that, in each of the films, the direction along with the in-plane refractive index in the film plane is maximized is defined as the X axis, the direction perpendicular to the X axis is defined as the Y axis, the direction of the thickness of the film is defined by the Z axis, and refractive indices in each axial directions at ~~[[550]]~~ 590 nm are defined as n_x , n_y and n_z , respectively, and the thickness of the film is defined as d (nm), the in-plane retardation (R_e) and N_z are given by the following equations:

$$\text{in-plane retardation } (R_e) = (n_x - n_y) \times d \text{ and}$$

$$N_z = (n_x - n_z)/(n_x - n_y).$$

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Providing that, in each of the films, the direction along with the in-plane refractive index in the film plane is maximized is defined as the X axis, the direction perpendicular to the X axis is defined as the Y axis, the direction of the thickness of the film is defined by the Z axis, and refractive indices in each axial directions at ~~[[550]]~~ 590 nm are defined as n_x , n_y and n_z ,

respectively, and the thickness of the film is defined as d (nm), the retardation in the thickness direction (R_{th}) is given by the following equation:

$$\text{retardation in the thickness direction } (R_{th}) = (n_x - n_z) \times d.$$